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District Resident Sentenced to Five Years in Prison In Identity Theft Scheme

WASHINGTON – Joshua Godoy, 23, of Washington, D.C., was sentenced this morning to five years in prison and ordered to pay \$67,764 in restitution for obtaining and fraudulently using the identities of more than 10 individuals without their consent, U.S. Attorney Ronald C. Machen Jr. announced. Godoy pleaded guilty in July to one count of mail fraud.

The Honorable Ricardo M. Urbina, of the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, presided over the plea and sentencing.

According to the government's evidence, from 2006 through March 2010, Godoy used the identities of his victims to open bank accounts, attempt to transfer funds between bank accounts, obtain and use credit card and debit card accounts, and purchase cell phones and other items. For example, Godoy used a Costco credit card in the name of one victim, which he found in a restaurant in New York. Without that person's consent, Godoy made multiple purchases from Costco, including a \$1,121 transaction over the Internet in August 2009 for a 50-inch plasma television. The television was shipped via Federal Express to Godoy (using the name "joshua gogody").

In total, the victims of Godoy's scheme suffered actual losses of more than \$67,000. The victims included both individuals and financial institutions, which absorbed much of the losses.

In announcing the sentence, U.S. Attorney Machen commended the outstanding investigative work of Detective Michael Pavero of the Metropolitan Police Department and Postal Inspector Tira Fowler of the U.S. Postal Inspection Service. U.S. Attorney Machen also praised the efforts of members of the U.S. Attorney's Office, including a Financial Analyst from the Fraud and Public Corruption Section, Legal Assistant Jamasee Lucas, SEEP Student Sierra Tate, and Assistant U.S. Attorney David Johnson, who prosecuted the case.

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